

I have no objection to wait and go on as slowly as possible. They have provided quarters in several places and where there are no quarters provided, the Hon'ble Minister points out the financial difficulty.

Question Nos. 50, 92 and 487 may be put together.

### Abolition of Taluk Development Committees.

Q.—50. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when the Taluk Development Committees were abolished ;

(b) the agency that is at present attending to the work formerly carried on by the Taluk Development Committees ;

(c) whether they propose to set up Committees for rural welfare work at the Taluk level ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) From 20th June 1952.

(b) The Amildar of the concerned Taluk.

(c) There is no such idea at present.

### Reconstituting the present District Boards.

Q.—92. Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Mulbagal-Srinivasapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they have contemplated to reconstitute the present District Boards ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—The matter has been under the active consideration of Government since the last session of the Legislative Assembly. Government have decided to give the system of indirect elections to the District Boards recommended by the Sri Venkatappa Committee and

included in the present Act, a fair trial. They are taking action to hold the Village Panchayet elections and after these are concluded the elections to the District Boards will be arranged.

Q.—487. Sri SIDDIAH alias KUNNIAH (Gundlupet-Heggaddevankote—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when the existing District Boards were constituted ;

(b) when they were due to be reconstituted ;

(c) when the new District Boards Act was passed ;

(d) whether after the abolition of R.D. Committees according to the above Act, the amount that used to be allotted to these committees has been diverted to District Boards ;

(e) the reasons for not yet reconstituting the District Boards ;

(f) when they will reconstitute them ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) In the year 1947.

(b) 1st June 1950.

(c) 13th January 1952.

(d) The Rural Development Committees were not abolished by the Act, but by Government as a measure of retrenchment.

The Rural Development funds have not been made available to the District Boards, as the work is continued by the Government through the Revenue agency.

(e) The question of holding direct elections to the District Boards was under examination for some time. It is now decided that the system of indirect elections provided in the Act is to be followed. Action is being taken to constitute Village Panchayets.

(f) By about the end of August 1953.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—You have stated that Taluk Development Committees were abolished. What are the reasons for abolishing the Taluk Development Committees ?